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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. LEBANON: THE ENORMOUS COST

AMBASSADOR GODLEY REPORTS THAT, WITH THE REESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY IN THE CAPITAL, HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO VIEW AND ESTIMATE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE FIGHTING. THE AMBASSADOR, NOTING THAT SOME AREAS REMINDED HIM OF THE STREETS OF MANNHEIM IN 1945, SPECULATES:

--THE OVERALL COST TO THE LEBANESE ECONOMY OF ALL FOUR ROUNDS OF CONFLICT APPROXIMATES \$2.25 BILLION.

--THE DAMAGE DONE TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL AREAS  
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DURING ROUND FOUR ALONE MUST BE IN THE HUNDREDS OF

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

--DEATHS DURING ROUND FOUR TOTAL MORE THAN 500.

--THE GOL WILL BE UNABLE TO DO MUCH, IF ANYTHING, TO ASSIST THOSE LEFT DESTITUTE BY THE FIGHTING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BEIRUT 12154, 9/30.)

## 2. EGYPTIAN PRESS CLAIMS PERSHING'S DEAL SCUTTLED

THE SEPTEMBER 30 EGYPTIAN PRESS BANNERED STORIES THAT THE US HAS STRUCK PERSHING MISSILES FROM ITS LIST OF WEAPONS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH ISRAEL, CITING STATEMENTS BY THE KUWAITI ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND A STORY IN THE CURRENT NEWSWEEK.

EMBASSY CAIRO COMMENTS THAT AL-AHRAM'S STORY POINTED OUT THAT FAHMY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE PERSHING'S ISSUE "WITH ANXIETY" FOR OVER A WEEK. THE INFERENCE WAS THAT EGYPT, THROUGH ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AND ITS LEADERSHIP AMONG THE ARABS, WAS AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ;LOCKING THE PERSHING DEAL. (UNCLASSIFIED) CAIRO 9710, 9/30.)

## 3. CYPRUS: DENKTASH MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD

N A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD SEPTEMBER 29, TURKISH YPRIOR LEADER DENKTASH AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT ESUME UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH ELECTIONS, THE LIFTING OF HE US EMBARGO, AND THE COMPLETION OF THE UNGA SESSION ON YPRUS. HE PREDICTED THAT A PERIOD OF RHETORIC WAS IN TO E, AND INDICATED THAT THE US COULD MOST USEFULLY TRY TO IMIT THE DAMAGE FROM SUCH RHETORIC. DENKTASH ALSO:

--GENERALLY ENDORSED THE SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH, BUT DISPUTED THAT "THE STATUS QUO MUST NOT BECOME PERMANENT;"

--NOTED THAT THE TURKS CONSIDERED THE REFUGEE PROBLEM  
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"SOLVED;"

--ACKNOWLEDGED THE UNENTHUSIASTIC REACTION, PARTICULARLY IN TURKEY, TO HIS STATEMENTS ON UDI;

--INDICATED THAT IF THE ARMS EMBARGO WERE LIFTED, THE US REQUEST FOR FULL ACCESS TO OUR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE TURKISH SECTOR MIGHT BE FAVORABLY CONSID-

ERED. (SECRET) NICOSIA 2900, 9/30.)

. SOVIET UNION

A. CRACK DOWN ON ANTI-DETENTE IDEOLOGUES

AMERICA HAS TOLD EMBASSY WARSAW THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT ATTEND A RECENT MEETING OF WARSAW PACK IDEOLOGISTS AND PHI-

LOSOPHERS HELD IN POLAND TO EVALUATE POST-CSCE DEVELOPMENTS. THE POLES APPEAR TO BE COVERING UP THE SOVIET ABSENCE. THE EXPERT:

--SURMISED THAT THE SOVIET NO-SHOW WAS RELATED TO A LONG IZVESTIA EDITORIAL PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 29 BLASTING CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHERS FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO DETENTE;

--ANTICIPATED A MAJOR SHAKEUP AMONG SOVIET IDEOLOGISTS, ESPECIALLY CONSERVATIVES.

B. PRESS HAILS DEMISE OF SEATO

BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA WELCOMED IN SIGNED EDITORIALS THE SEATO FOREIGN MINISTERS' DECISION TO PHASE OUT THE PACT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS THAT:

--THE EDITORIALS DO NOT HINT THAT SEATO WOULD HAVE ANY RESIDUAL UTILITY IN CHECKING PRC EXPANSIONISM, BUT ON THE CONTRARY PORTRAY PEKING AS COLLUDING WITH SEATO AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 13911, 9/30.)

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5. RHODESIA: SMITH AND NKOMO TRIUMPH AT WEEKEND CONGRESSES

EMBASSY PRETORIA REPORTS IAN SMITH AND JOSHUA NKOMO APPARENTLY WON PERSONAL VICTORIES DURING THE WEEKEND CONGRESSES OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT AND THE ANC. AT THE MEETINGS:

--SMITH SKILLFULLY AVOIDED CONFIRMING OR DENYING ACCOUNTS THAT HE HAD ADMITTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A BLACK BECOMING PRIME MINISTER AND OF A BLACK PRESENCE IN THE CABINET.

--THE FRONT DEFERRED ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF A SEGREGATED RHODESIAN FEDERATION.

--AN ESTIMATED 5,000 AFRICANS ACCLAIMED NKOMO PRESIDENT OF THE ANC.

--NKOMO DECLARED HIS WILLINGNESS TO TALK WITH SMITH, BUT ONLY ON THE BASIS ON "MAJORITY RULE NOW."

ANTI-NKOMO FORCES ATTACKED THE ANC CONGRESS AS "ILLEGAL." THE EMBASSY THEORIZES THAT SMITH MAY HAVE ALLUDED TO BLACKS HOLDING HIGH OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO HASTEN NKOMO TO THE BARGAINING TABLE AND EXPLOIT THE SUPPOSED WEAKNESS OF HIS SITUATION WHILE HE IS STILL CONSOLIDATING HIS POSITION IN THE ANC. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PRETORIA 3702, 9/29.) INGERSOLL

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